

**SVC-350 SERVICE NOTES***First Edition***SPECIFICATIONS****ROLAND VOCODER Model SVC-350****INPUTS**

**MIC INPUT:** 1/4 inch STANDARD Phone Jack or EIA-RS297 Connector (600ohm, -54dBm min.)

**INSTRUMENT INPUT:** 1/4 inch STANDARD Phone Jack (100kohm, 0dB max.)

**GUITAR INPUT:** 1/4 inch STANDARD Phone Jack (100kohm, GUITAR Raw LEVEL) -10dBm (750mV)

**INSTRUMENT LEVEL SELECTOR Switch** (0dBm, -15dBm, -30dBm)

**INPUT LEVEL INDICATORS:**

LED DISPLAY...5  
MIC LEVEL; Green, Red/over  
INSTRUMENT LEVEL; Green Red/over  
GUITAR LEVEL; Green Red/over

**OUTPUTS**

For **GUITAR AMPLIFIER:** 1/4 inch STANDARD Phone Jack (100kohm)  
**MONO or STEREO OUTPUTS:** 1/4 inch STANDARD Phone Jack

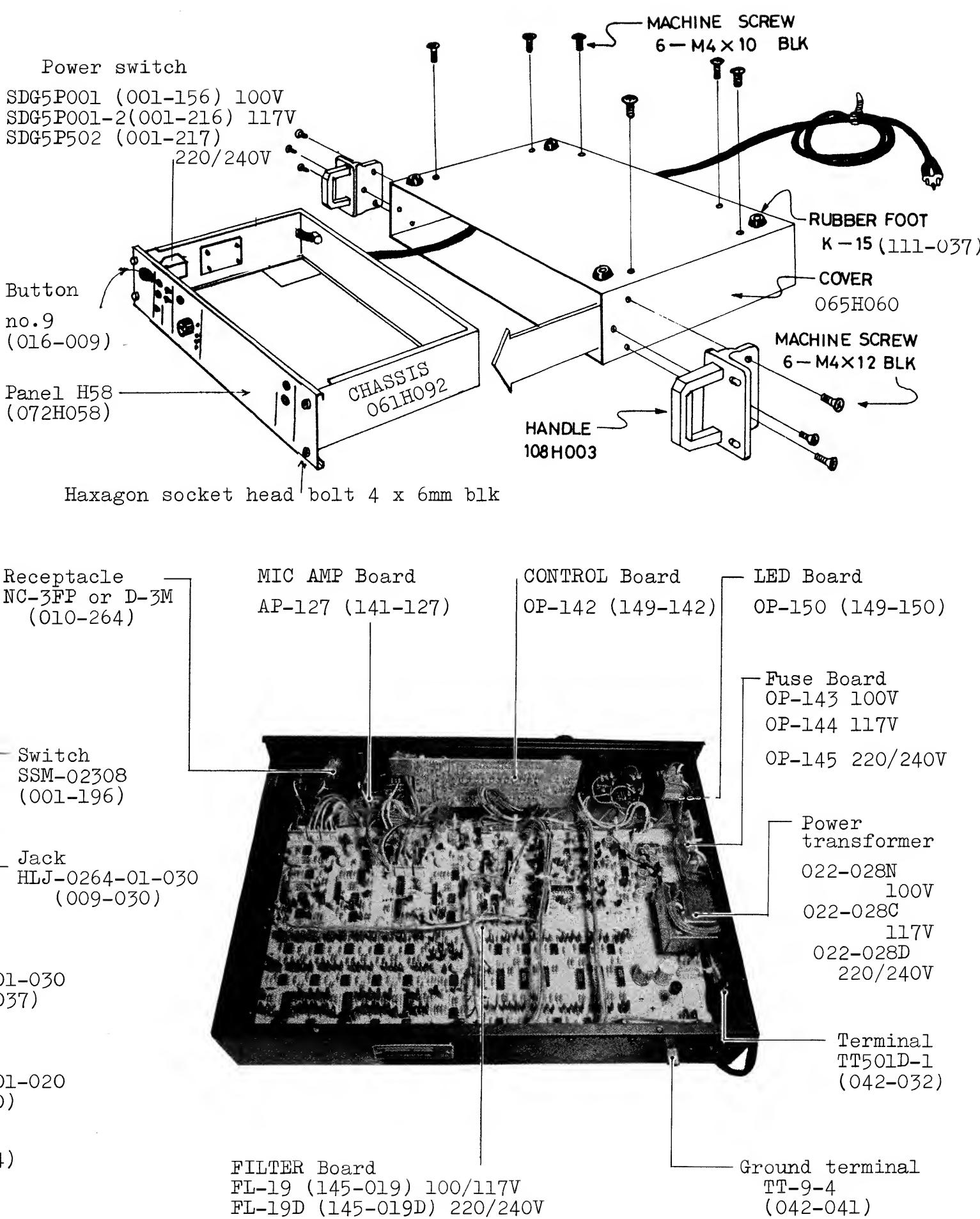
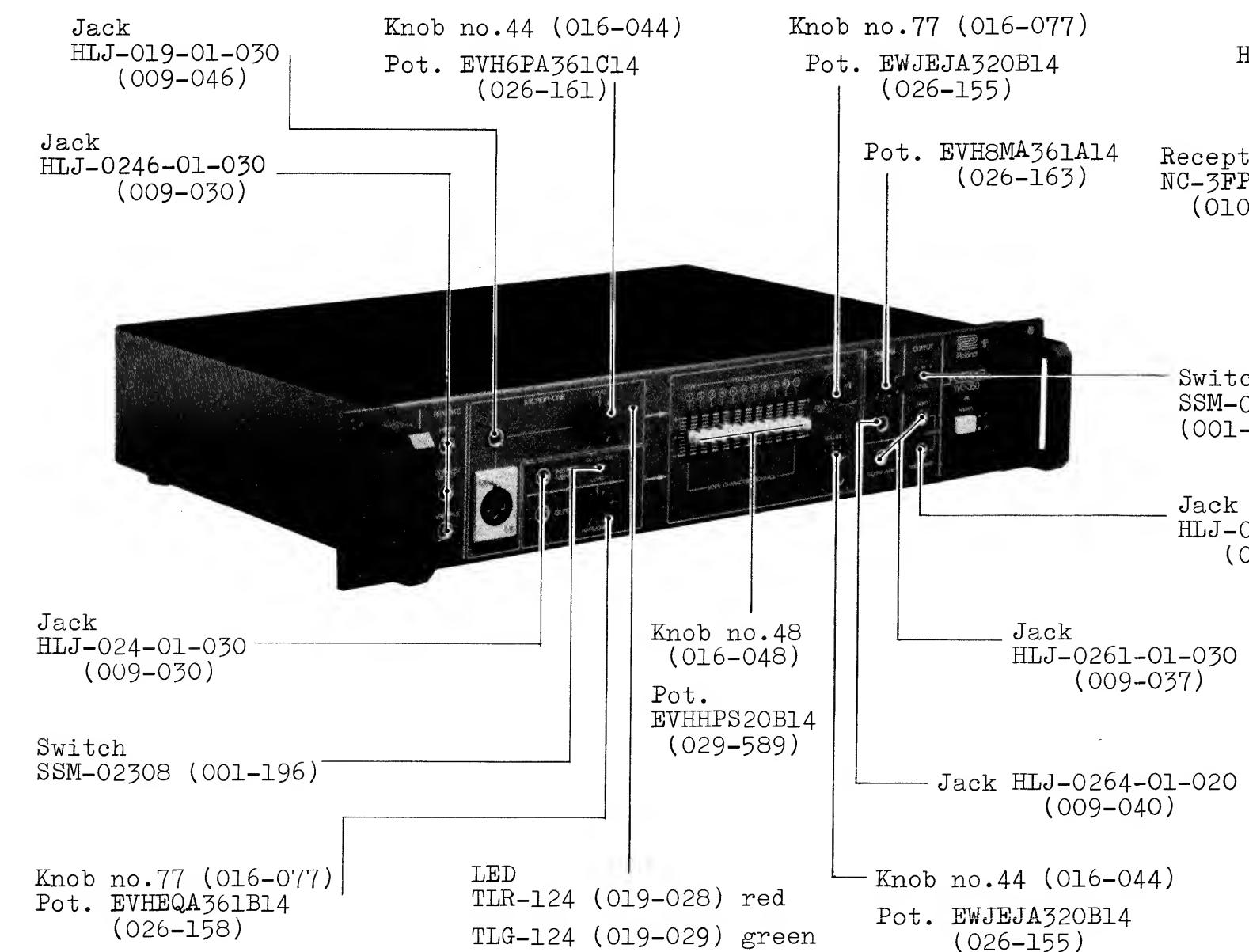
**CONTROLS**

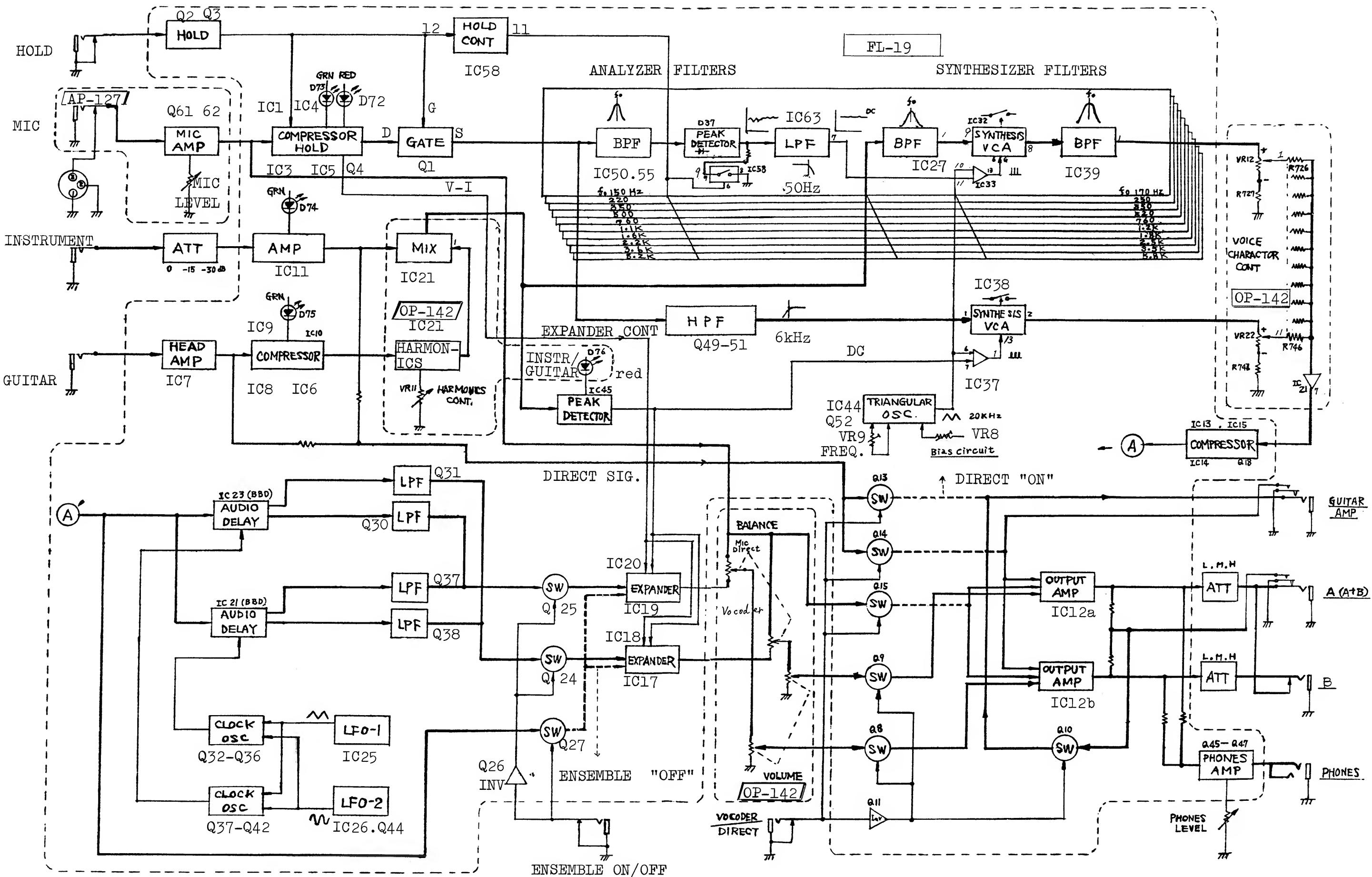
**MIC LEVEL CONTROL**  
(-54dBm to -14dBm)

**POWER CONSUMPTION:** 18W

**DIMENSIONS:** 482(W) x 92(H) x 350(D) mm

**WEIGHT:** 5.8kg

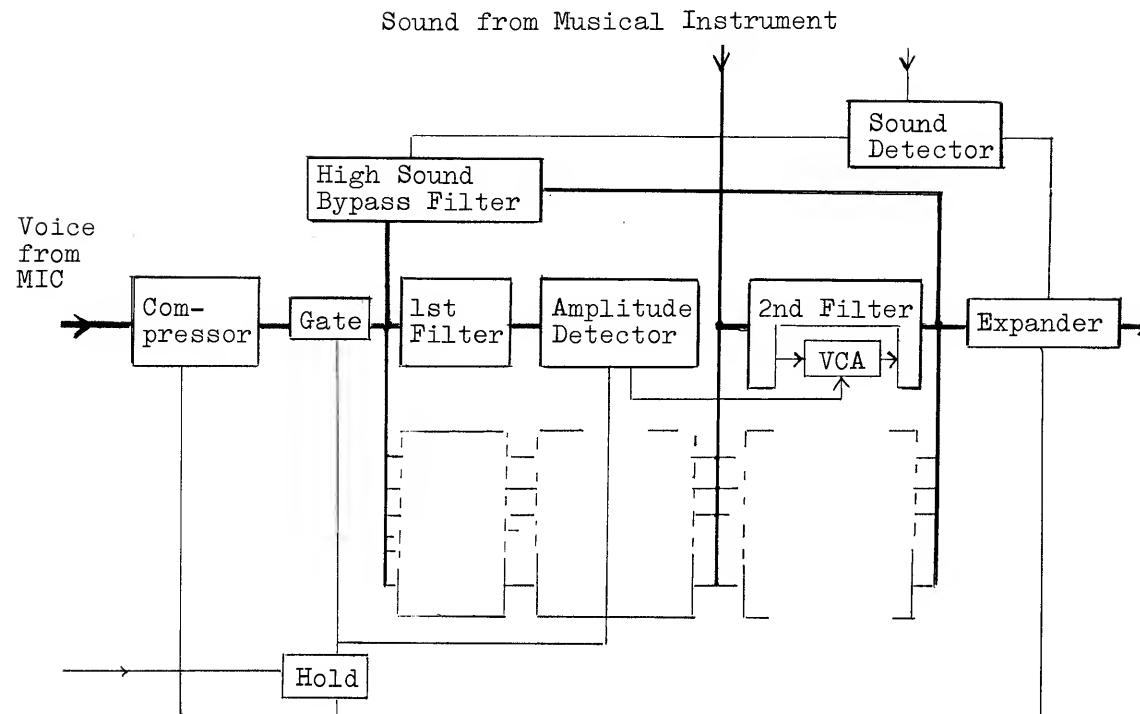




SVC-350 BLOCK DIAGRAM

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

### —General—



In the Vocoder, the voice signal from a Mic is frequency-analyzed through a group of filters to slice up a voice signal frequency spectrum featuring human voice. Then the spectrum is duplicated to another group of musical sound signal filters to obtain functions equivalent to human mouth and throat and thus to simulate human voice with musical sound signals.

Fundamental Vocoder functions are described below according to the Block Diagram shown above.

#### 1. Analyzing (first) Filter and Amplitude Detectors

A Mic input signal is resolved by a group of filters into frequency band components which are amplitude-detected and supplied to the VCAs of the Synthesizer Filter (second filter).

Signals passing through second filters are controlled in volume at VCA by the control signal coming from corresponding frequency band of the first filter.

#### 2. Synthesizer (second) Filter and VCAs

Like the first filter, a musical sound signal being supplied is resolved into frequency spectrum components. Since a musical sound passing through the second group of filters is proportional to the first filter output amplitude, the spectrum of the second filter output is analogous to that of the voice signal. In other words, the second filter output is mixture of the input musical sound signal and the first signal output. Thus, uniform sound signal spectrum would be ideal for reproduction of human voice, but it is no longer of a musical instrument.

#### 3. Comander

The comander is a combination of a compressor and an expander. The compressor reduces a mic input signals range in amplitude and supplies smaller output signals range than input signals' to the first filter. On the contrary, the expander, for a given range of amplitude input voltages, produces a larger amplitude range of output voltage. Thus restores the orginal volume range.

#### 4. High Frequency Voice Signal Bypass

##### Filter (Resonant Filter)

Since musical sounds rarely include high frequency noise components such as "fricative" may be in voice, the second filter has no spectrum to respond to. Furthermore, such a sound, hardly relating to musical intervals, is separated from a mic input signal, passes through this circuit and is recombined with the second filter outputs.

#### 5. Musical Sound Signal Detector

This circuit obstructs the second filter output as long as a musical sound is not supplied to the Vocoder and tells the circuits 3 and 4 whether a musical sound signal is being fed or not.

#### 6. Hold Circuit

This circuit enables Vocoder to hold its output during an interruption in mic signal, e.g. when a singer inspires. The function can also be used for some special effect applications.

During holding, this circuit retains spectrums and volume by holding amplitude detectors output voltages and expander control voltage.

The compressor gain is minimized and the voice gate is turned off so as to keep voice unchanged even though Mic input singal is changing.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

—Detail—

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### SYNTHESIZER FILTER

#### COMPRESSOR

After amplified by 14-54dB through Mic Head Amp on AP-127, Mic signal goes to IC4 (pins 5-7) whose gain is reversely proportional to the control current from Q5 emitter.

The mic signal coming from IC2 pin 7 is full-wave rectified by IC3 (pins 5-7), D1 and D2, peak-voltage detected by IC3 (pins 1-3), D4, smoothed to DC voltage by IC5 (pins 1-3), and V-I converted by IC4 (pins 1-3), Q5. Connected across IC4's pins 6 and 7 in paralleled with feedback resistors is IC1 BA662. As the mic signal increases, Q5 output current increases, that causes BA662 conductance to increase, lowering the gain of IC4 (pins 5-7) to retain either half peak output from going above 10V (20Vpp).

In this Vocoder, there are two other compressors similar to the Mic compressor in configuration: in Guitar preamp chain and Synthesizer filter output channel.

#### EXPANDER

The output voltage at pin 1 of IC5 is also received by Expanders IC17-20, Q22 and Q23. The current from Q22 (Q23) varies in the same direction as in the Compressor, but with this fashion, signal flow rate through IC18 (IC20) is directly proportional to the control current; the more current flows, the more signal flows through IC18.

#### ANALYZER FILTER

Ten BPFs with a high Q consisting of ICs (e.g. IC50 and IC55) covers most of the audio spectrum - speech signal.

The signal from the compressor is pre-emphasized through IC5 (pins 5-7) and fed to the filter bank which slices up the spectrum. Each slice goes to a diode (e.g. D37) where its peak is detected, smoothed and is fed to the VCA in the next stage filter - Synthesizer filter. This is a control voltage that is proportional to the strength of that slice.

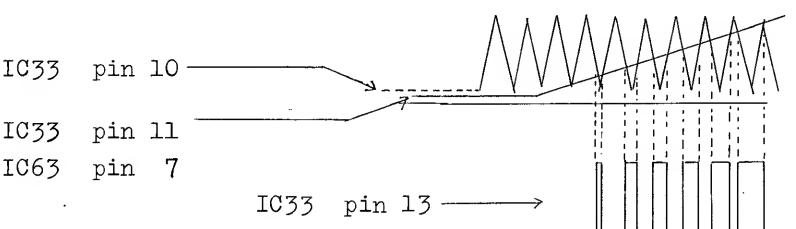
### VOCODER HOLD

This circuit is composed of Q2, Q3 and Q4. When the HOLD jack circuit opens, and 50ms later, the Q2 output increases in the positive-going to turn on the gate Q1 and to shunt IC50 input to the ground. On the other hand, a signal supplied through D7 turns FET switch IC58 (pins 10-12) on, turning IC58 (pins 8 and 9) off, disconnecting R307 from discharging path. Increased discharging time constant can hold previously charged C135 for 7-10sec.

#### VCA

During an absence of signal in Analyzer filter (e.g. IC50 IC55, IC63), negative peaks of triangular wave on pin 10 of IC33 is kept positive - determined by VR8 - with respect to the pin 11, disabling switching gate - IC32.

When the voltage from IC63 increases to a some extent, it exceeds lower portion of triangular wave, causing IC33 pin 13 turns to "H" which in turn gates IC32 on. When positive going triangular wave reaches above the voltage on pin 11, pin 13 turns to "L" and IC32 turns off. Thus signal flow rate through IC32 depends on the width of pulse from IC33 and pulse width is proportional to IC63 control voltage. pulsesating rectified signals are smoothed while they are passing through the next filter - IC39.



#### HIGH CONSONANT FILTER

This HPF allows only high-frequency component in signal from the Mic amp to pass so as to compensate for high-frequency range incapable of reproduction by the Vocoder Circuits.

#### VOICE CHARACTER CONTROL

Because resistors, -R726, 728, 730 --- connected to wiper terminals of CHARACTER CONTROL pots, are different in value; the higher the frequency, the larger the value; overall frequency response offers de-emphasized characteristics.

#### SOUND DETECTOR

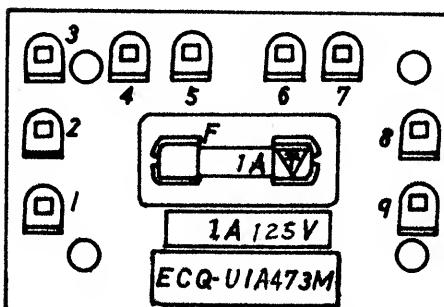
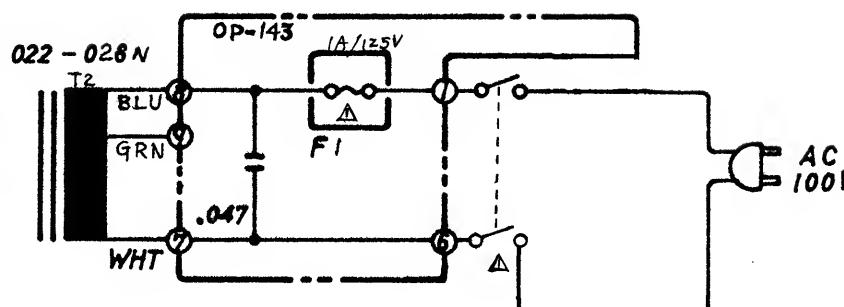
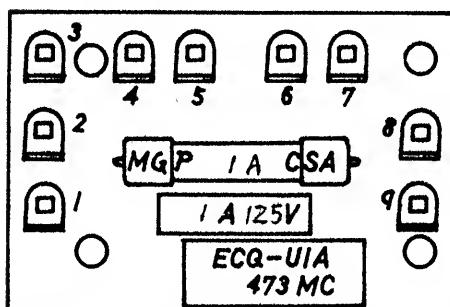
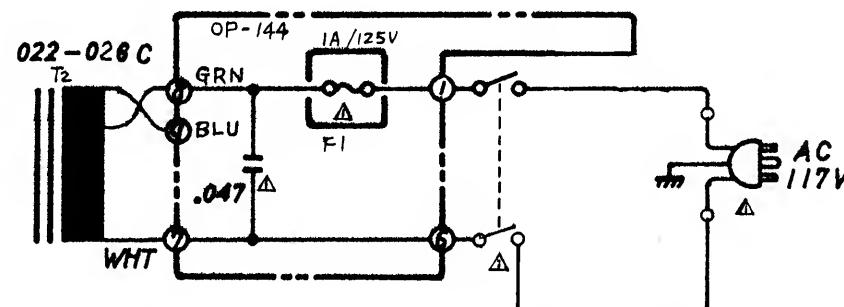
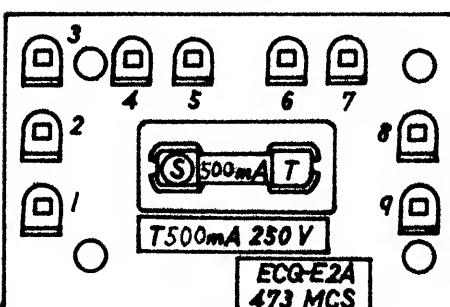
During an absence of musical instrument's signal, Vocoder shuts inadvertent signals in under the coordination of a system. The sound detector is the first stage of the system.

IC45 (pins 5-7), D51 and D52 make up a full-wave rectifier, the average output voltage is peak of the signal delivered by IC21 pin 1, then IC45 (pins 1-3) provides adequately smooth DC output from pin 1.

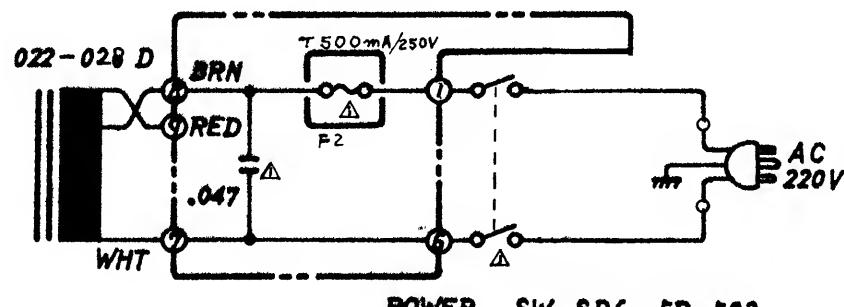
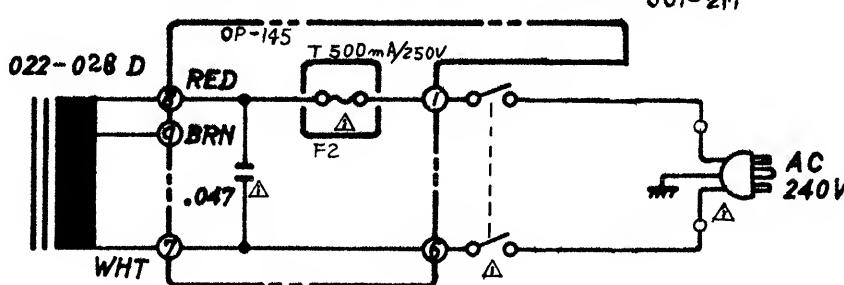
When this voltage - at pin 4 of IC37 - exceeds voltage at pin 5, pin 2 goes to negative, cutting Q29 off, removing the ground from pin 2 of IC17 (IC19). Expanders are now ready to function.

IC37 pin 7 also sees Sound Detector's output and determines pin 1's output pulse width which in turn regulates HPF signal flow rate. While Synthesizer filter VCA responds to speech spectrum, HPF VCA to the instrument's.

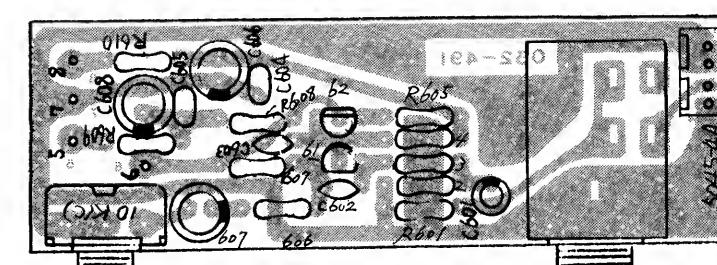
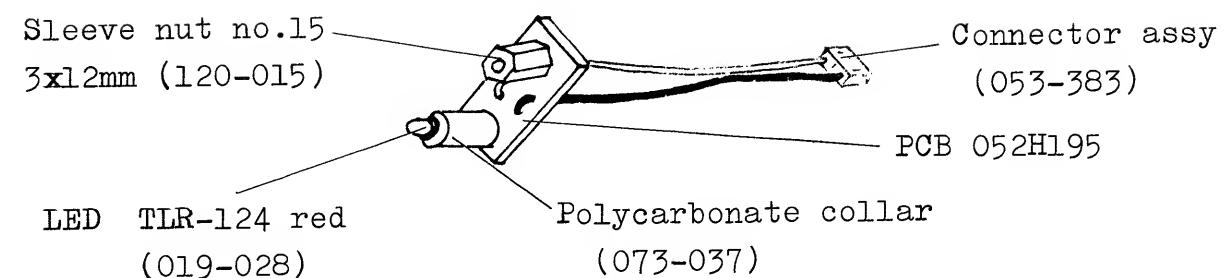
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**FUSE BOARD AC CONNECTIONS****100V**OP-143A  
(149-143A)POWER SW. SDG-SP-001-1  
001-215**117V**OP-144A  
(149-144A)POWER SW. SDG-SP-001-2  
001-216**220, 240V**OP-145A  
(149-145A)

(Etch mask 052H185A)

POWER SW. SDG-SP-502  
001-217

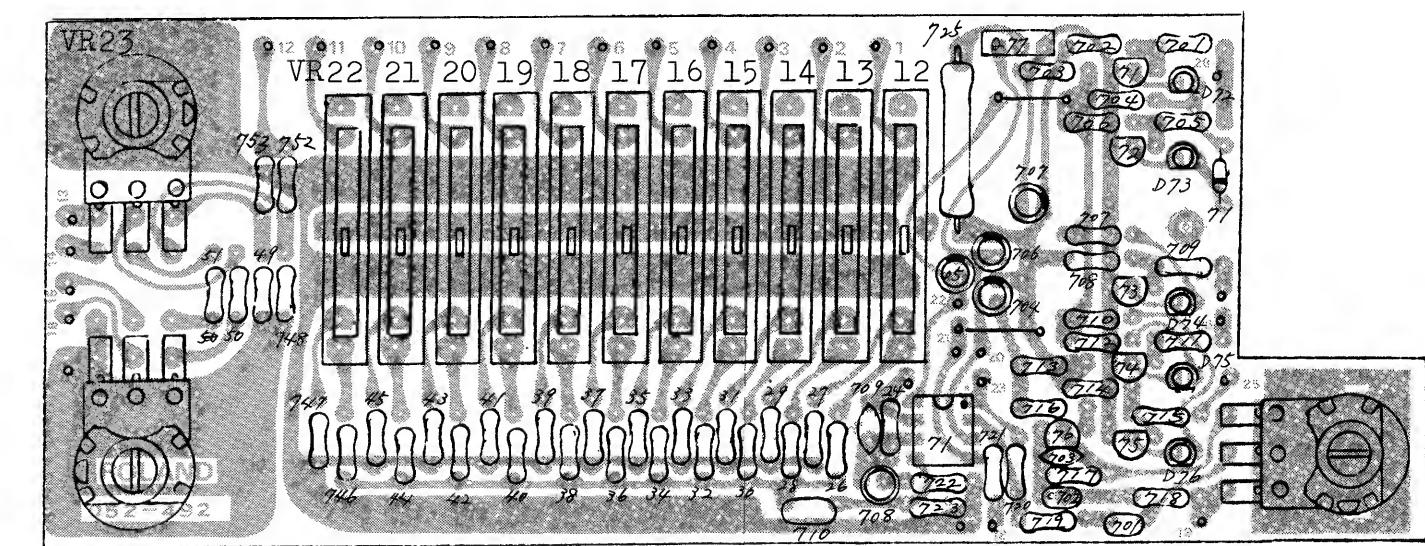
AC 240V

**OP-150 (149-150)****AP-127 (141-127)**  
(Etch mask 052-491)

MIC LEVEL VR10 EVH6PA361C14 HLJ0190-01-030  
MIC INPUT J4 (026-141) (009-046)

BALANCE EWJ-EJA320B14 (026-155)

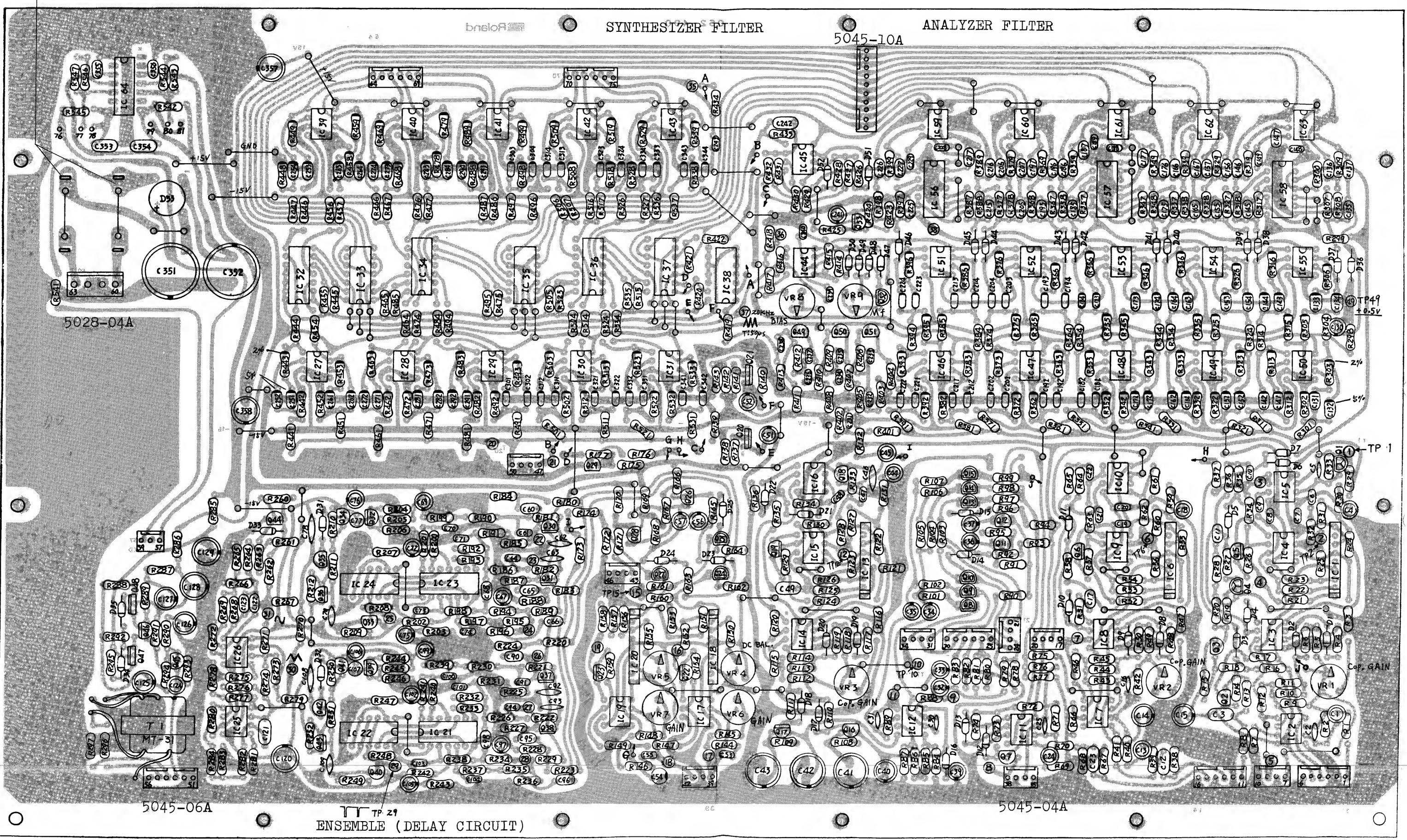
EVAHHPS20B14

VOLUME EWJ-EJA320B14  
(026-155)HARMONICS  
EVH-EQA361 B14 (026-158)

FL-19D (220/240V VERSION): WITH FUSES

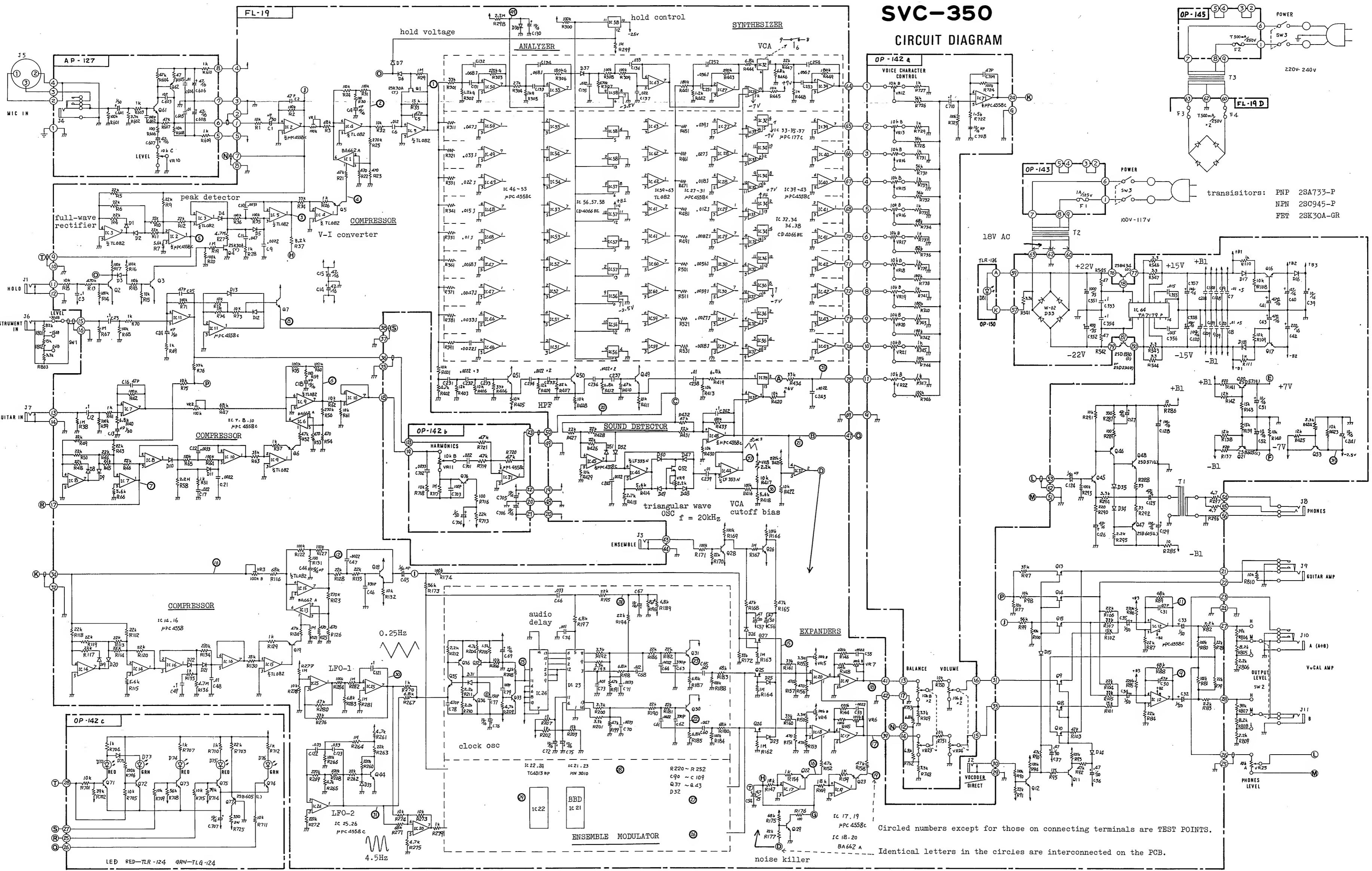
**FL-19 (145-019) (PCB 052-490)**

CIRCLED NUMBERS: TEST POINTS



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## CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

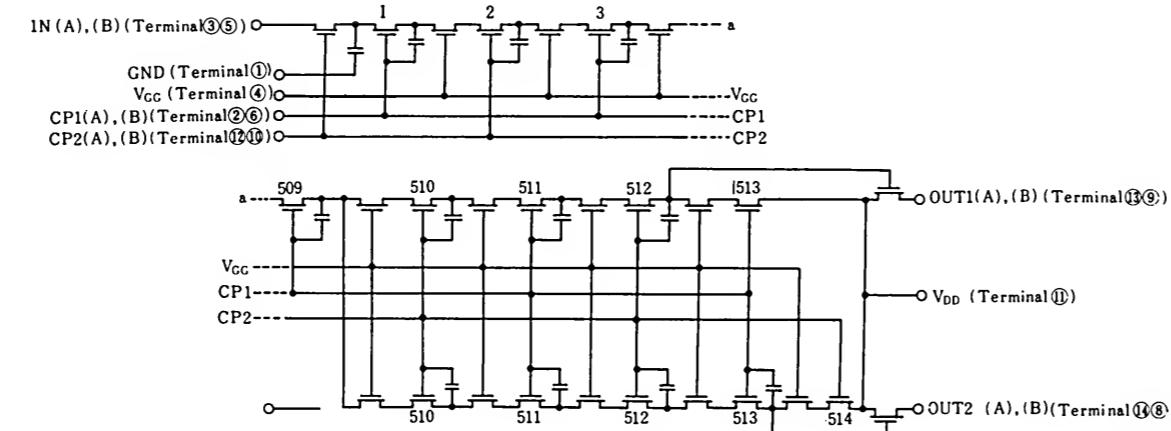
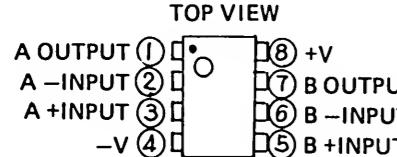


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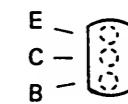
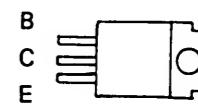
072H058	Panel H58 front	022-028N	Power transformer no.28N	100V
065H060	Cover (case) H60	022-028C	Power transformer no.28C	117V
108H003	Handle H3	022-028D	Power transformer no.28D	220/240V
111-037	Rubber foot K-15	022-122	Output transformer MT-31 headphones	
061H092	Chassis H92			
				<b>SEMICONDUCTOR</b>
				Transistor
016-044	Knob no.44 MIC LEVEL.VOLUME	017-022	2SB434-0 or 2SB660-0	
016-077	Knob no.77 rotary samall	017-010	2SD880-0 or 2SD234-0	
016-048	Knob no.48 slider	017-024	2SA733-P	
016-009	Button no.9 blk power switch	017-023	2SC945-P	
010-264	Receptacle NC-3FP or D-3M	017-146	2SB605-L	
009-037	Jack HLJ-0261-01-030	017-072	2SD571-L	
009-040	Jack HLJ-0264-01-020 stereo	017-016	2SK30A-GR FET	
009-030	Jack HLJ-0264-01-030	017-014	2SK30A-Y FET	
009-046	Jack HLJ-0190-01-030 headphones			Diode
001-156	Switch SDG5P001 power 100V	018-014	1S2473 or equivalent	
001-216	Switch SDG5P001-216 power 117V	018-082	W-02 rectifier bridge 1.5A	
001-217	Switch SDG5P 502 power 220/240V	019-028	TLR-124 red LED	
001-195	Switch SSM02308 slide	019-029	TLG-124 green LED	
				IC
		020-097	$\mu$ PC4558C dual op amp	
		020-100	TI082CP dual FET op amp	
		020-208	LF353N	
		020-219	CD4066BE quad FET	
		020-041	TC4013BP	
		020-103	TA7179P $\pm$ 15V	
		020-216	MN3010 BBD	
		020-160	BA662A	
		020-229	AN6912 quad comparator	
			or $\mu$ PC177C	
145-019	FL-19 (PCB 052-490)	100/117V		
145-019D	FL-19D with fuses	220/240V		
141-127	AP-127 (PCB 052-491)	mic		
149-142	OP-142 (PCB 052-492)	control		
149-150	OP-150 (PCB 052H195)	LED		
	Fuse PCB (PCB 052H185A)			
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**FUSE. FUSE HOLDER**

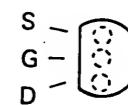
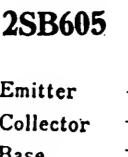
008-026	Fuse SGA 1A prim.	100/117V
008-025	Fuse CEE T500mA prim.sec.	220/240V
012-003	Clip TF-758	

**DUAL OP AMP** $\mu$ PC4558C TI082CP LF353N**POTENTIOMETER**

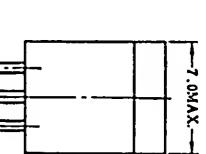
026-163	EVH8MA361A14 10kA solder terminal
026-161	EVH6PA361C14 10kC
026-155	EWJEJA320B14 10kB x 2
026-158	EVHEQA361B14 10kB 361-K20
029-589	EVAHHPS20B14 10kB slider
030-461	SR19R 2.2k trimmer
030-471	SR19R 100k trimmer

2SA733(P)  
2SC945(P)2SD234(O)  
2SB234(O)**CAPACITOR**

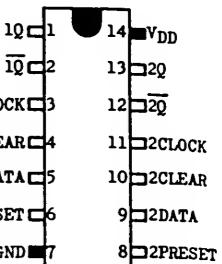
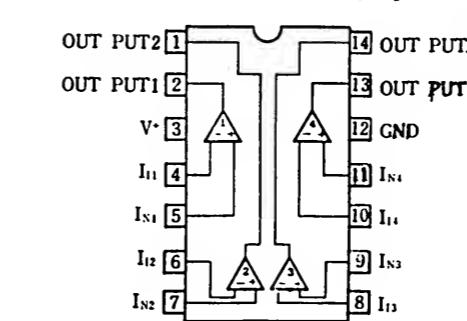
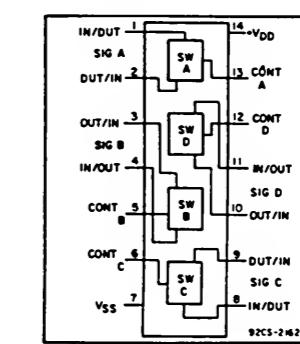
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032-190	ECEA50N1 1mfd 50V non-polar
035-156	ECQS1151JZ 150pf polystyrene
035-319	ECQU1A473MC 0.047mfd polypropylene 100.117V
035-310	ECQE2A473MCS 0.047mfd polypropylene 220.240V
032-228	CE15E1V4R7 4.7mfd 35V k tantalum

2SK30A(Y)  
2SK30A(GR)

2SD605

**MISCELLANEOUS**

064-265	Holder no.265 PCB retainer right angle 396mm long
064-200	PCB holder (fastener/spacer) DLCBS-6N
120-015	Sleeve nut no.15 3x12mm (spacer or stand-off)
073-037	Polycarbonate collar 3x6x18mm LED
042-032	Terminal TT501D-1 2p mains
042-041	Terminal TT-9-4 ground
048-001	Heat sink no.1
123-013	Hexagon socket head bolt 4x8mm
065-268	Cover no.268 dust cover, slider
065-261	Cover no.261 dust cover, slide sw.

DUAL "D"-TYPE FLIP FLOP  
TC4013P**Quad Comparator** $\mu$ PC177C, AN6912**Connection Diagram (Top View)****CD4066B E****COS/MOS Quad Bilateral Switch**

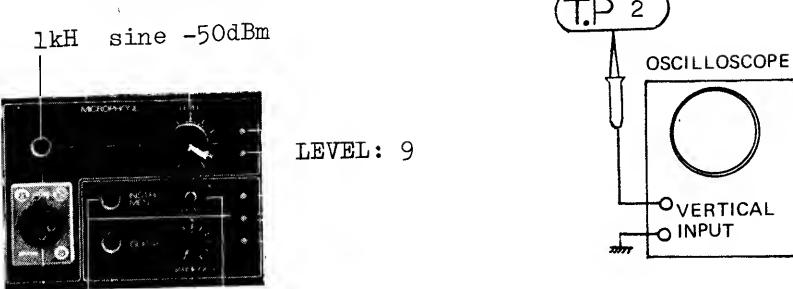
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- ON resistance flat over full peak-to-peak signal range

## ADJUSTMENT

### 1. MIC COMPRESSOR GAIN



Make sure that the Red LED on the MICROPHONE section goes on and stays on in above set-up.

Adjust VR-1 for 20Vpp at TP-2.

### 2. GUITAR COMPRESSOR GAIN

Feed a signal, 1kHz, sine -10dBm into GUITAR Input jack.

The Red LED on the GUITAR section should light and stay on.

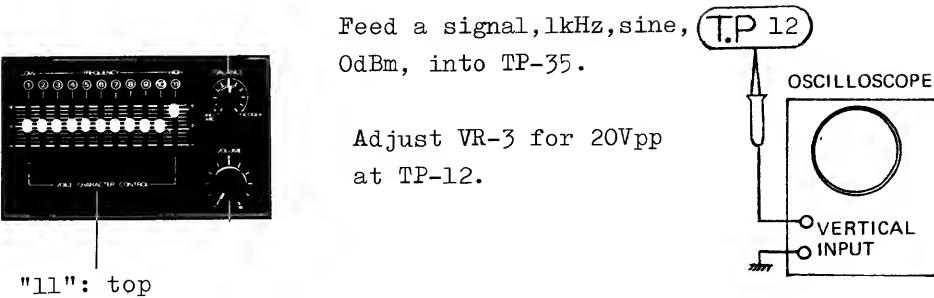
Adjust VR-2 for 20Vpp at TP-6.

### Waveform Checking

With HARMONICS knob turned fully clockwise, a waveform similar to the waveforms in the figure bellow should be seen at TP-20.

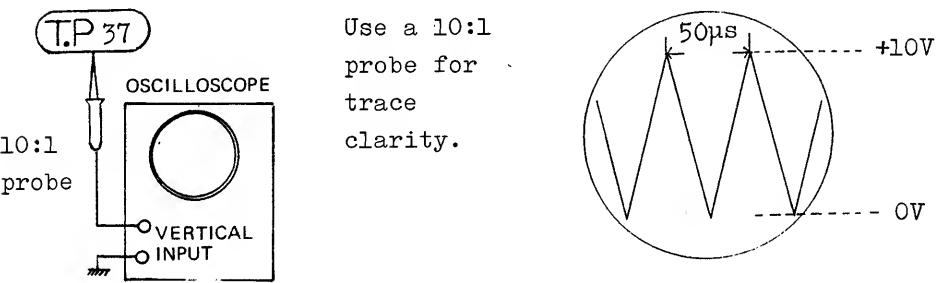


### 3. VOCODER SOUND COMPRESSOR GAIN

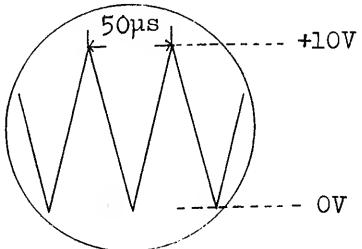


To make sure of the compressor function, slide knob "11" down to lowest. The waveform has just reduced to some extent (depends on knob's traveling speed) is rising and will stop when it reaches half an amplitude of earlier.

### 4. VCA TRIANGULAR WAVEFORM FREQUENCY



Use a 10:1 probe for trace clarity.



Adjust VR-9 for 50μs period.

### 5. VCA CUT-OFF BIAS

Feed white noise, 1Vpp into GUITAR input jack.

Slide up CHARACTOR CONTROL FREQUENCY knobs "1" to "10" to the top.

Adjust VR-8 until the noise signal just disappears. Excessive turn will result in low VCA output.

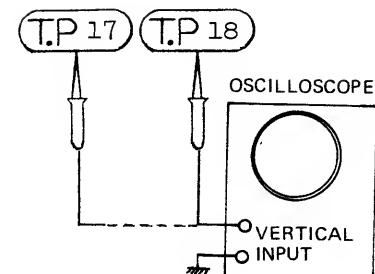
#### NOTE

If this adjustment failed noise reduction, slide down the knobs individually. The signal leaking through a filter will decrease as the corresponding knob being slid down. Check the Analyzer and Synthesizer filters in that frequency chain for malfunction.

### 6. EXPANDER DC BALANCE

Place a ground on TP-15.

Plug a blank plug into ENSEMBLE jack to open the jack circuit.



a. Connect TP-16 to a ground.

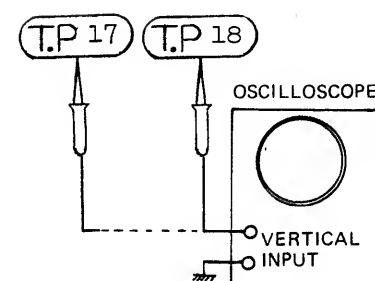
Adjust VR-4 so that TP-17 becomes OV DC.

b. Connect TP-19 to a ground.

Adjust VR-5 so that TP-18 becomes OV DC.

### 7. EXPANDER GAIN

Feed a signal, 1kHz, sine -5dBm into TP-15.

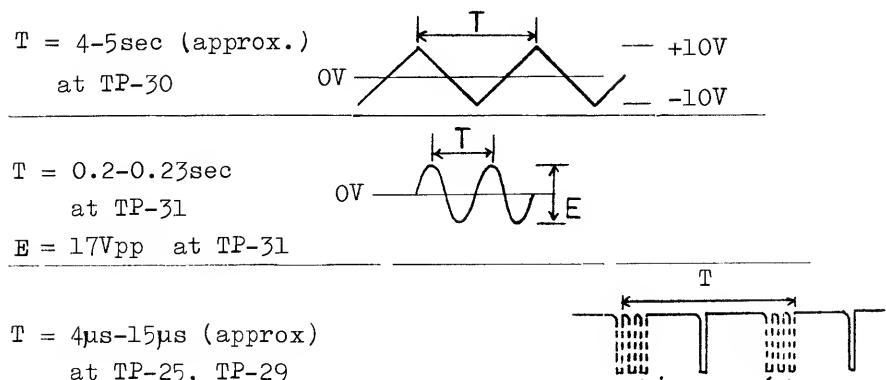


Connect TP-16 and TP-19 to the ground.

a. Adjust VR-6 for 8Vpp at TP-17.

b. Adjust VR-7 for 8Vpp at TP-18.

### BBD MODULATING VCO WAVEFORM CHECKING



Being modulated by the composite signal(sine and triangular waveforms), the waveforms at TP-25 and TP-29 sweep slowly with joggling.